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Residents join the watch

By MARGO DEWEY
ANP Staff Writer

Residents of Wellesley Townhouses in Romulus decided to climb on the bandwagon this month and find a way to stop crime in their neighborhood.

Cynthia McMillan, former member of the board of directors for Wellesley, coordinated the effort to have a Neighborhood Watch program implemented which included having signs posted within the townhouse complex.

"We actually started trying to get this program together years ago," McMillan said. "We tried having residents patrol the streets, but that didn't work because there wasn't enough participation."

"Then, Romulus police officer John Smagner came over this year and gave us a presentation on the Neighborhood Watch program. He told me we needed at least 50 percent participation from the residents here at Wellesley in order to set up the Neighborhood Watch program."

McMillan went door to door asking residents to participate as a means to control and monitor crime in the neighborhood.

"We now have 50 percent participation from the 379 units," McMillan said. "The program is based on the four block coordinators meeting every fourth Monday of every month. Officer Smagner will be coming over during the meetings to give us information on how to prevent crime."

The Neighborhood Watch program establishes a formal network for concerned citizens to communicate with other neighbors and police in regards to crime-related problems.

"We're trying to put something positive here," McMillan said.



Cynthia McMillan pats a new Neighborhood Watch sign in place at Wellesley Townhouses. ANP photo by Deanne L. DeYonker

Conference set for shooting suspect

An Ypsilanti man and a Milan man who allegedly shot a 30-year-old Romulus man March 15 in the Red Apple Restaurant and Inn parking lot in Wayne will appear before Wayne County Detroit Recorder's Court Judge Harvey Tenen April 17 for a calendar conference.

On March 27, an examination was staged for Ypsilanti resident Randall E. Steffey, 29, and Milan resident Terrence E. Hoffman, 23, before 29th District Court Judge Carolyn A. Archbold. A \$100,000 cash bond was set for both men, however, Hoffman received a 10-percent

Anyone with information on the incident should call Wayne police at 721-1414.

bond reduction at the exam.

Steffey was charged with assault with intent to commit murder and possession of a firearm. Hoffman was charged with one count of assault with intent to commit murder.

The incident started as an altercation in an Ypsilanti bar between one of the suspects and the victim, according to Wayne police Lt. Kerry Webb. The shooting later took place in Wayne when the suspects allegedly followed the Romulus resident to the Red Apple Restaurant and allegedly shot the victim in the leg and abdomen, Webb said.

The Romulus resident was transported to Annapolis Hospital and was later flown to the University of Michigan Hospital. He was released last week, according to University of Michigan Hospital officials.

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Help sought for local heart-attack victim

By MARGO DEWEY
ANP Staff Writer

A Romulus Comfort Inn employee who had a heart attack March 14 needs a helping hand from local residents.

Oscar Hayes, 27, was doing laundry for a family when he had heart pains, according to Orrin Sharp, general manager of Denny's and Red Lion Pub in Romulus who recently staged a benefit for Hayes.

"He drove himself to Grace Hospital," Sharp said. "While he was in the waiting room, he

walked up to the desk and told the clerk he was having severe pain and asked her to help him.

"The clerk told him he would have to wait for an available doctor. Oscar collapsed on the floor. He had a heart attack."

Hayes worked two jobs to support his wife of two years Cheryl (Shelly) and their two children; Delonda, 9 and Britany, 4 weeks old. He was a van driver for the Comfort Inn where he worked 16 hours and was an aircraft fueler for PAGE AVJET Corp. at the De-

troit Metropolitan Airport where he worked 32 hours.

"Working two jobs and raising a family, I admire him," Sharp said. "It just doesn't make much sense. He was very healthy and had a good deal of strength for a young man."

The Hayes family lives in Ypsilanti. His wife said her husband is in a vegetative state at Grace Hospital.

"When he had a heart attack, he didn't have oxygen to his brain for 34 minutes," Hayes said. "He's not in a coma. He's

in a vegetative state according to the doctors. They're not sure what happened just yet."

On April 13, Sharp staged a benefit dinner for the family at the Red Lion Pub in Romulus. A number of people showed up to offer their support, according to Sharp.

"We raised \$1,500," Sharp said. "The event was very nice, and everything went very well. The family, however, is still accepting donations."

Anyone interested in contributing to help the Hayes family can call Jayne at 946-4300.

Composting plan moves into gear

By MARGO DEWEY
ANP Staff Writer

Romulus city officials are taking another step toward preserving the environment by encouraging residents to reduce another portion of their household waste - namely grass and leaves.

The city is now promoting a Home Composting Program, which will aid in the overall reduction of solid waste now entering landfills and, in turn, assist in the reduction of the solid waste costs for Romulus taxpayers, according to Community Development Coordinator Jeffery Martell.

"Composting is a natural, biological process by which grass, leaves, plant and yard wastes decompose in a small, yard composting bin," Martell said. "Romulus officials are preparing residents for the implementation of the State of Michigan's Public Act 264, which bans the disposal of yard waste at landfills and municipal solid waste incinerators."

The Act goes into effect at the end of March 1993 for municipalities. It takes effect for residential yard wastes in March 1995.

It's never too early to begin waste reduction whether it is home recycling or home composting, according to Romulus Mayor Beverly McAnally.

"The fact is, it's going to be an environmental disaster not to start these home programs," McAnally said.

Yard wastes includes the fol-

lowing: grass clippings, leaves, garden debris, brush and tree trimmings. It can account for about 40 percent of the waste left at the curb in urbanized areas during the summer and fall months, Martell said.

"Averaged out on an annual basis, yard waste accounts for 18 to 20 percent of Michigan's solid waste stream," Martell said. "Several alternatives to landfilling yard waste exists."

"These reduce-reuse-recycle techniques include municipal or backyard composting, wood chipping, allowing grass clippings to remain on the lawn and landscaping with groundcovers other than grass. They are very smart ideas to reduce the amount of yard waste at a home."

Space at landfills is becoming scarce, according to James Panos, department of public works director.

"By recycling and composting, we can extend the life of a landfill, and not have to open more and more spaces for these uses," Panos said.

By not bagging grass clippings after a lawn is mowed, homeowners and lawn-care professionals save time, reduce the need for fertilizer and reduce garbage collection and disposal costs, according to Panos.

"Allowing grass clippings to remain on the lawn does not cause or promote thatching," Panos said. "In fact, it can be

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Housing units to be regulated

By MARGO DEWEY
ANP Staff Writer

Romulus councilmembers recently adopted an amendment to the zoning ordinance which provides regulations for all new dwelling units including modular and prefabricated units.

The amendment also requires one tree be planted on each residential lot, according to David Paul, director of the building, safety and engineering department.

The proposed amendment includes the following:

- A city building permit will be required before any dwelling unit is constructed, relocated or moved into the city. All dwelling units and additions will meet or exceed the applicable construction standards of the city.
- All construction will meet the minimum lot size, yard spaces, setbacks, parking and all other minimum site requirements applicable to residential dwellings within the zoning district in which the use will be located.
- All dwelling units will meet the minimum living area standards for one-family residential dwellings of the zoning district.
- All one-family dwelling units will have a minimum width across any front, side or rear elevation of 24 feet.
- All dwelling units will be attached to a permanent foundation constructed on the site in accordance with the Building Code and will have a wall of the same perimeter dimensions of the dwelling and constructed of materials as required in the

Building Code.

- Single-family dwellings will be aesthetically compatible in design and appearance with other residences in the vicinity, with either a roof overhang of not less than 6 inches on all sides.

The amendment also calls for at least one tree to be planted on each residential lot within the proposed right-of-way or that area between the street and the sidewalk.

Each dwelling, according to the amendment, must also be connected to a public sewer and water supply or to private facilities approved by the local health department.

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Renewal plan adopted

The Urban Recovery Partnership Program was launched last week when Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara visited Ecorse for the razing of an abandoned home.

In his state-of-the-county address, McNamara proposed a plan which would provide for the health of older communities through the demolition of decaying properties, the removal of debris, the implementation of rodent control measures and other projects.

The agreement with Ecorse calls for the county to share its expertise, experience and resources with the city to help turn things around.

Ecorse has endured serious financial problems and economic decline in recent years.

Several task force teams have been established with officials of Ecorse and the county serving side by side.

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APRIL IS CANCER AWARENESS MONTH: EARLY DETECTION IS KEY TO TREATMENT

By Melanie Hanna, M.D.

Finding cancer in its earliest stages is one of the most important factors in fighting the disease. There are several screening tests which are used to detect cancer.

Three of the most important screening tests include the Pap smear, mammogram, and sigmoidoscopy.

THE PAP SMEAR

Changes in the tissues of the cervical lining may suggest that cancer is forming. A Pap smear — a simple test in which the physician uses a brush or spatula to obtain a sample of cervical mucus — can detect these changes in their earliest stages, before the cancer actually develops.

This test should be performed every one- to three-years in women 19- to 39-years of age, and every one- to two-years after age 50.

THE MAMMOGRAM

Mammograms are used to detect early signs of cancer in the breast. Physicians suggest that women between the ages of 35 and 40 have an initial mammogram screening to establish a baseline.

Depending on individual

history, women between the ages of 40 and 49 may be recommended to have the screening performed periodically. Women over the age of 50, as well as anyone with a previous history of fibrocystic disease or whose immediate family has a history of breast cancer, should have a mammogram performed annually.

In addition to mammogram screenings, physicians recommend that all women perform monthly self-breast exams, and see their doctors for regular checkups.

SIGMOIDOSCOPY

The sigmoidoscopy is used to detect colon and other cancers. A "sigmoid" is a flexible tube which is inserted into the rectum to view the end of the large intestine, where 60 percent of early cancerous lesions are located. In addition to cancer, the sigmoidoscopy can detect polyps, diverticulosis, Crohn's Disease, and colitis. Many physicians suggest that anyone over age 50 have a sigmoidoscopy screening every one to three years.

Remember, the earlier cancer is detected, the better your chances of beating the disease. To make an appointment for a cancer screening, call your physician today.

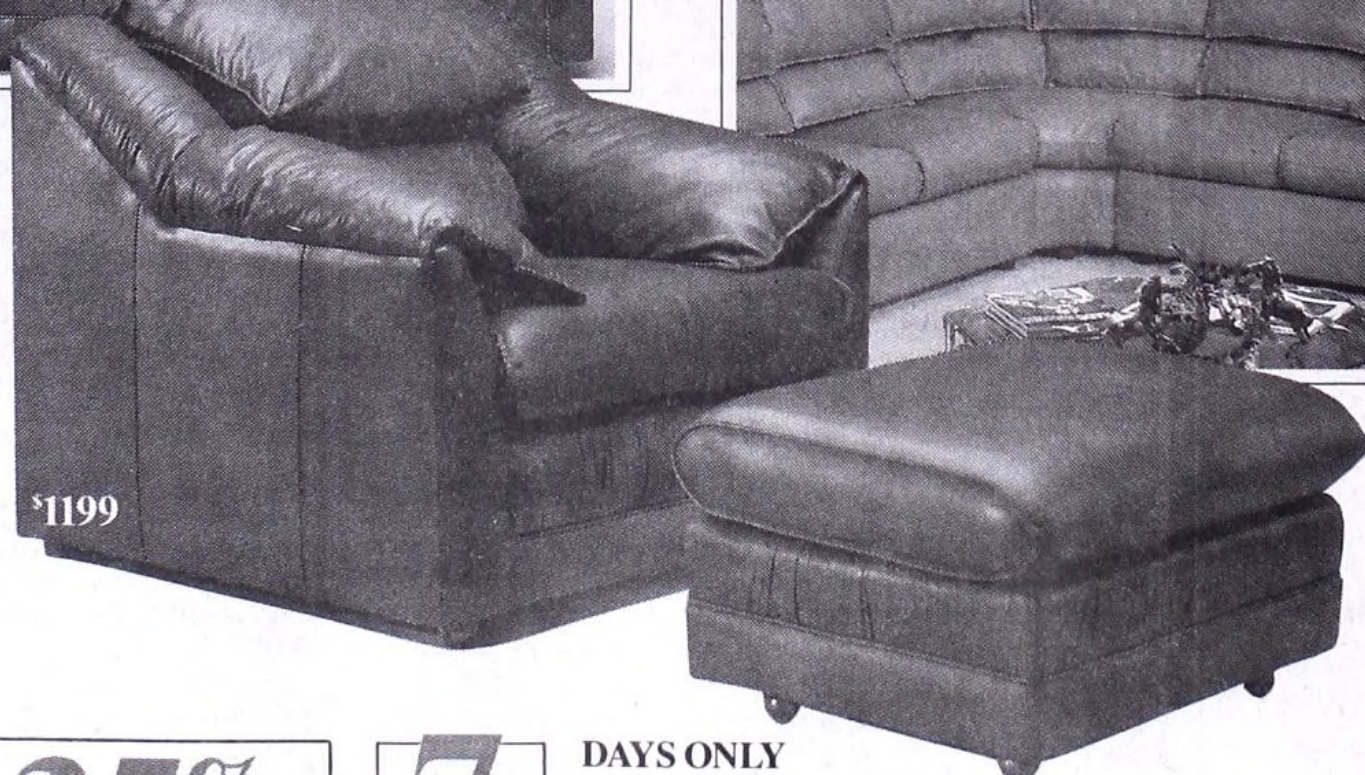
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Woman robbed at gunpoint

A 31-year-old woman was allegedly robbed at 8:55 p.m. April 13 of \$5 at gunpoint while getting out of her car with her two children at Smith and Hudson roads.

The woman was approached by a black male, about 5-7, with a thin moustache and short hair. The individual was allegedly armed with a handgun, according to police. He allegedly demanded the money in her purse. The woman handed over \$5. The suspect fled westbound on foot. Anyone with information should call the Romulus police at 941-8400.

Couples golf outing is staged for May

The Romulus Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the 1991 Couples Golf Outing at 2:30 p.m. May 11 at Woodside Meadows. Cost is \$50 per couple for 18 holes. Carts must be ordered. Anyone interested should call 326-4290.

Club hosts task force benefit

The Romulus Chamber of Commerce and the Romulus Metro Archery Club will host a 50-50 Archery Benefit Shoot where a portion of the proceeds will be geared for the drug task force program created by Mayor Beverly McAnally.

Participants with the best hand will receive the award of 50 percent of the shooting fee. The event is staged at Northline and Huron River Drive in Romulus. Individuals 18 years old or older can participate. For more information, call 941-9486.

Children asked to join reading club

During the months of March and April, the Romulus Public Library will sponsor a Garfield Reading Program.

Any child who records the books they read on a Purr-fect Reading Record becomes part of the club. Records are kept at the library.

After reading the first book, the new member will receive a Garfield sticker. Anyone who has read five or more books by April 30 is eligible for a special Garfield drawing on May 1.

The theme of Garfield is: "Reading is my life."

For more information, call Els Shelly at 942-7589.

Civic League stages events

The Romulus Civic League is again offering adult social night from 8 p.m. to 12 p.m. each Friday.

The program was started in June 1990.

It is being offered again because of the low turnout back in the summer.

Committee stages fashion event

A gala fashion show will be hosted by the Romulus Build-A-Bridge substance abuse committee April 25 at the Romulus High School auditorium.

The event, "High on Fashion," will include spring and summer clothing provided by Hudson's of Southland, and will be modeled by various community members.

Highlights of the show will include casual, sportswear, children's, daytime and evening wear. A special prom segment will be presented by the Students Against Drunk Driving chapter of Romulus High School.

Tickets will be available at Romulus elementary schools and Romulus City Hall as well as at the door April 25.

A \$5 donation is requested. Refreshments and door prizes will be available. The show will begin at 7 p.m. Proceeds will go to providing upcoming awareness workshops for parents.



Crafters create friendship quilt

By MARGO DEWEY
ANP Staff Writer

It's always a lot of fun to get together with friends of all ages and work on projects that don't have a deadline.

Romulus resident Judy Frederick has been teaching a quilting class for more than 10 years which offers pleasures for the young and old. Cost to join is \$1, but the friendships that are made during the class at the Romulus Community Center are worth a million, according to Frederick.

"We have lots of fun," Frederick said. "There are a variety of projects offered. Everyone works at their own speed. If someone has to go on vacation, I tell them to go ahead because the project will be waiting for them when they get back."

The class meets every Thursday from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The students make any-

thing from small pillows to vests and quilts. Rose Schoolmaster has been a quilt student for more than nine years.

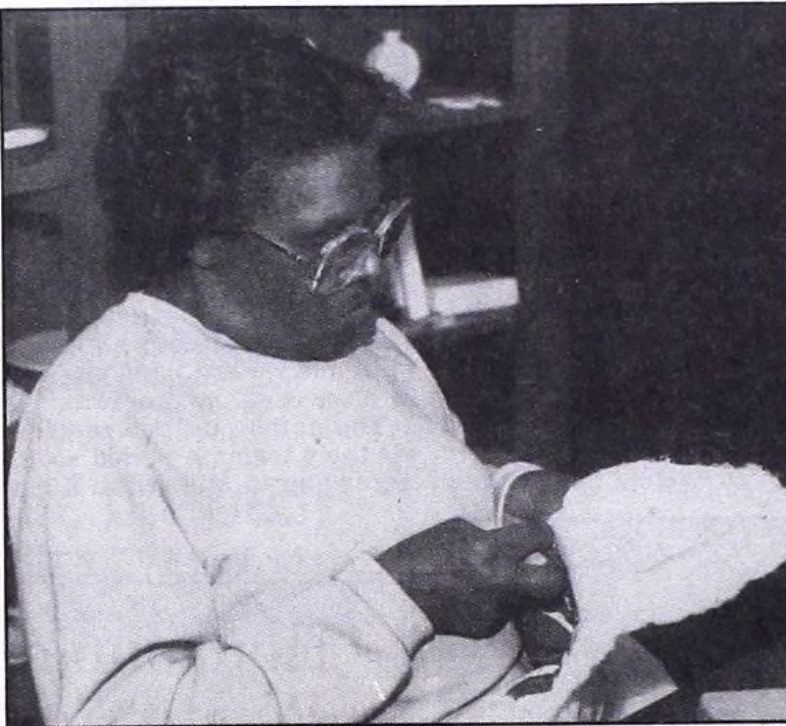
"We have a scrap box that we use for the projects," Schoolmaster said. "You can make a quilt in the class for about \$80."

Ruthie Skupny has been a quilt student for about five years. She enjoys helping others with their projects in the class.

"Everyone works on their individual projects, but we also help each other out," Skupny said.

To make a block-style quilt takes about eight hours and six colors, according to Frederick. Once the class finishes their projects the group usually gives their masterpieces away to friends and family members.

"We have one lady in the class who is making about eight quilts for her family," Frederick said. "We also



Billie Daft (top) pins a quilt top and Mary Bolser (above) works on a quilt pillow at the Romulus Quilters meeting. ANP photo by Deanne DeYonker/staff photographer

make necklaces and other items. Anyone can join the class who would like to quilt and make some friends."

The class only meets during the school calendar year, fall and winter and spring months. When Frederick first

started the class, she only had about 10 people. Now, there are more than 25 in the class.

Anyone interested in making friends and quilts can call the Romulus community center at 942-6852.

Police investigate trailer fire

By MARGO DEWEY
ANP Staff Writer

Romulus fire officials and police are investigating a trailer home fire which started at 8:45 p.m. April 7 on the 28000 block of South Maple.

The trailer was unoccupied at the time of the fire, accord-

ing to detective Lt. Kenneth Kraus.

"We're not sure how it started just yet," Kraus said. "Fire officials are continuing an investigation to make a determination of the cause of the fire."

No injuries occurred. Fire

officials claim the trailer is a total loss with more than half the trailer burned.

The trailer home is valued at about \$10,000. Kraus said the owners had the trailer up for sale. The owners were apparently on vacation at the time of the fire.



Pet wash

During the Bath-a-Thon at the Michigan Humane Society Shelter in Westland, Princess receives a bath by a staff worker. ANP photo by Deanne L. DeYonker/staff photographer

Leukemia patient marks birthday

By JOAN DYER-ZINNER
Belleville City Editor

In just five days leukemia patient Raymond Reffitt will enter Harper Hospital for what is hoped to be a life-saving bone marrow transplant. On the day before, the youth, who has been waging a four-year battle with leukemia, will celebrate his 15th birthday.

Friends and family members have been working to make his birthday celebration a memorable one before he enters the hospital to undergo the transplant procedure. After extensive testing of family members and other possible donors, his mother,

Anna Wade, was found to be a compatible match for the transplant.

"I've been tested, and I'm getting ready for the transplant," Wade said. "I am scared, but also overjoyed. The odds of my being the donor were 20,000 to one, and I made it. God is on my side."

Teachers and fellow students from North Middle School joined forces with members of Moose Lodge 934 on Sunday to stage a fund-raising ham dinner and jamboree for Ray.

Doris Beckley, North Student Council advisor, presented Ray with a check and cash totaling \$437.55, which was collected through a student fund-raising event.

Lodge Administrator Jim McCoy announced that \$10,258.57 had been collected toward the \$35,000 in uninsured medical costs for Ray's operation. Total receipts from the dinner and sale of donated items were not available at press time.

Ray received the donations with a smile, but his biggest thrill seemed to be enjoying the company of friends and fellow students at the event.

Tomorrow night, 70 of his friends will help Ray celebrate his birthday at the Knight of Columbus Hall in Plymouth.

Happy birthday, Ray! Your friends wish you many, many more.

Friend of school leaves

By MARGO DEWEY
ANP Staff Writer

A longtime friend of Romulus Barth Elementary School students and staff has moved to another state as a result of a job promotion.

Bobby Perea, former general manager of the Merriman Executive Inn in Romulus, left last week after being promoted to a larger hotel facility in College Park, Maryland.

"It's a new challenge, and I'm looking forward to it," Perea said. "I'll be the general manager at a hotel which has 160 rooms. I will miss Romulus, especially the students at Barth."

Merriman Executive Inn is one of 60 Romulus businesses involved with Partnerships for Education. The program assists district schools to help further education for all students.

Perea joined Merriman Inn April 1990. His work with Barth elementary students included teaching them about table etiquette, helping them understand when to say "please" and "thank you" during a meal and showing the students how to set a table properly.

Harold Connon, principal of Barth Elementary, thanked Perea for a job well done.

"He was very accommodating," Connon said. "He was very enthusiastic and had a real genuine interest for the students."

Barth had three classes working side by side with Perea. Each class had the chance to go to the Merriman Street Grill to practice the etiquette techniques Perea taught them in the classroom, Connon said.

"Bobby was even gracious enough to pick up the expenses on the DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) luncheon we had a few weeks ago with McGruff the Crime Dog," Connon said. "We're going to miss him very much. We're putting together a plaque to thank him for all his kindness toward the students."

Plan

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cheaper than fertilizing a lawn, and it's natural."

Martell explained the composting process as follows:

- Prepare a small, backyard bin such as an empty 40-gallon drum, a screened-in box or a cinder-blocked area about 4 feet by 4 feet.

- Start with a layering of leaves, grass clippings, weeds or straw. Make sure the grass clippings have not been treated with a weed killer, making the compost-humus material potent, killing the plants it was designed to help.

- Add items such as animal waste, kitchen scraps, garden refuse, fruit and vegetable peelings, egg shells, coffee grounds, faded flowers, old plants or wood ashes. Do not add meat or bones.

- Water the compost pile down and turn over humus material every 14 to 21 days. Allow for moisture to build up, creating the natural decaying process to take effect.

- In a few weeks, the compost pile should be a dirt-like color and material, dark and crumbly and ready for use.

"To avoid possible problems with odor, pesky flies or other undesirable animals, remember these simple points," Martell said. "Do not add meat or bones to the compost pile, they tend to give off a strong odor and don't decay well with other materials."

"Be sure to cover the layers of waste with soil and/or lime, and do not let the pile get soggy."

Once the compost material is ready for use, Martell suggested the easiest way is to

Composting is considered among many to be the gardener's best friend. When compost is used, the cost of using chemical fertilizers and soil conditioners is eliminated.

— Jeffery Martell

Community Development Coordinator

work it into the soil of flower beds or vegetable gardens before or after plantings. Mix it with the soil when planting new trees and shrubs, or use it as mulch around trees and shrubs.

"Composting is considered among many to be the gardener's best friend," Martell said. "When compost is used, the cost of using chemical fertilizers and soil conditioners is eliminated."

The humus compost material conditions the soil. It will lighten clay soil or make sand more able to retain moisture.

"The organic matter provides any soil with a balanced supply of minerals," Panos said. "And because composting is a form of recycling, it has the same benefits as other types of recycling."

Anyone interested in obtaining more information on the Home Composting Program can contact either the Michigan Department of Natural Resources at 517-373-0540 or the Romulus Recycling Coordinator at 942-7592.

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Noise complaints studied at meeting

By RANDY FRANK
ANP Staff Writer

The Wayne County Commissioners' special committee on noise at Detroit Metropolitan Airport met Friday to debate the analysis of public complaints of aircraft noise.

The five-member committee, which includes Kay Beard (D-Inkster) and Shirley Poling (D-Canton Township), listened to a presentation made by hired consultants of the Washington, D.C.-based law firm Cutler and Stanfield.

During the presentation, commissioners examined a

table-chart analysis of 1,155 county residents, who registered written complaints at four public hearings in January.

The also debated the proposed regulations recommended by the law firm, which is known nationally for its aircraft noise abatement work.

Residential aircraft noise complaints were split into four separate regions, including Wayne, Westland, Romulus, Inkster, Belleville and Huron Township, according to Commissioner Susan Hubbard, who is committee chairwoman.

According to written com-

plaints, residents suggested: fanning out flights, enforcing flight curfews, phasing out older aircraft and building hush huts to curb aircraft noise.

About 700 of the complaints were from region two, which includes Dearborn, Detroit, Redford, Dearborn Heights and Inkster.

Next, 240 residents of Wayne, Westland, Livonia, Garden City, Plymouth and Northville wrote to complain about the stress caused by aircraft noise at Metro.

The special committee, however, will review the recommendations made by citizens and Cutler and Stanfield, and approve regulations which will give relief to thousands of county residents coping with aircraft noise.

Although the commissioners' deliberation on the issue coincides with noise abatement procedures developed by County Executive Edward McNamara's office, both branches are attacking the problem in different ways.

In May, aircraft noise abatement procedures designed by the FAA and Bryan Amann, assistant county executive and noise czar, will become effective.

Construction complete on family center

By PATRICIA BROWN
ANP Staff Writer

The construction is finished, the finishing touches are being added and an opening date should be announced soon.

The Wayne County Family Center, a place for homeless families, is expected to open within the next month. Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara could announce the opening any day now, according to Bryce Denison, information officer for the center.

"I can reassure you the center will be open within the next month," Denison said.

When it does open, the eyes of the entire nation will be focused upon it. The center is the first kind to give homeless families a place to live, while

helping them to get back on their feet again.

When a family enters the center not only will they have a place to live, but they will also be able to talk with social workers, children can attend school, and they will learn some skills that will keep them off the streets and help them to re-enter the job market.

The idea is so different from a traditional shelter, that county officials won't refer to the center as a shelter. "We're trying to stay away from the word shelter," Denison said.

County officials, Wayne Metropolitan Services officials and Homeless Advisory Committee members made sure the former Eloise building, located near Henry Ruff Road and Michigan Avenue, had a homey

look. They went as far as making sure the architect designed the inside and outside of the building more like a home.

Each family will also have a mentor - someone who has been in the same position, and have been able to turn their life around.

Employees are currently being trained at the center. Manager Linda Makowski has been training the employees and is almost ready to begin training the volunteers.

"We're starting to receive some of the applications (for volunteers) back now," she said. "We've already hired our staff and we are in the process of discussing the program."

The staff should be wrapping up their training period soon, according to Makowski. Then they will be able to assist her in the training of volunteers.

"We will have the volunteers come in a little after the staff. It will be better for us to know what we're doing before we have them come in," she said.

Thirty-eight communities in Wayne County have contributed to the center out of community development funds. The center has also received more than \$1 million in funding from the Housing and Urban Development Department.

HUD Secretary Jack Kemp is hoping to be around when the center officially opens.

Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Wayne Metropolitan Community Services at 843-2550.



Dog Wash

Muffin is made all fluffy and clean at the Michigan Humane Society Bath-a-thone ANP photo by Deanne L. DeYonker



Cory School Principal's Honor Roll inductees

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4th Grade
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5th Grade

Mary Moore, and Joshua Morton.

6th Grade
Quaylynn Barden, Kelly Callison, Jessica Cyburt, Tiffany Faison, Sara Hudson, Tiffany Kerekes, Ted Kesner, Cynthia King, Marie Madison, Kellie Massey, Bryant McCauley, Tara Minda, Rebecca Shelby, Kionta Turrentine, Holly Wright, and Karissa Vichinsky.

Ladies to host sale

By MARGO DEWEY
ANP Staff Writer

Romulus councilmembers granted a no-fee permit April 8 to the Romulus Ladies Auxiliary for a garage sale.

The event will be staged between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. April 20 and April 21 at the VFW Hall, 39270 Huron River Drive. Proceeds from the sale will go toward the Post Home Building fund.

Residents interested in contributing to the garage sale can drop off items at the VFW Hall today and April 19. The sale

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Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

Timothy W. Ard
Director of Public Works
697-9323

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April 18, 1991

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April 20, 1991
10 a.m. until 4 p.m. (Rain or Shine)
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Please bring your materials in original non-leaking container and place oil based paints, used oil and gasoline in one box.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing to consider a change on the following described property zoned:

R-1C (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) to C-1 (GENERAL BUSINESS)

To amend the zoning ordinance No. 3/1/74 by amending the zoning map as follows:

A 190 ACRE PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED IN THE S 1/2 OF SECTION 1, T3S, R8E, VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY, LEGAL DESCRIPTION ON FILE DATED MARCH 18, 1991.

A Public Hearing will be held at the Van Buren Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, Belleville, MI on Wednesday the 24th day of April, 1991 at 7:00 p.m.

Cameron McNally
Director
Building/Planning Dept.
Charter Township of Van Buren

Publish: March 28, 1991
April 4, 1991
April 18, 1991

VAN BUREN PUBLIC SCHOOLS Minutes of the Board of Education REGULAR MEETING March 11, 1991

The Regular Meeting of the Van Buren Board of Education was held in the High School Auditorium on March 11, 1991 at 8:00 p.m.

Members present: Robert Fowler, Sharry Budd, David Fowler, Sherry Frazier, Jere Dolph, David Peer, and Robert Lapointe. Also present were Superintendent James Richendollar, Director of Business Affairs Jack Hosmer, Director of Instruction Douglas Brown, and Director of Personnel Raymond Kohr.

President Robert Fowler called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

Mike Ryan, Varsity Basketball Player, opened the meeting by singing the National Anthem.

Certificates of Appreciation were presented to members of the Varsity & Junior Varsity Basketball teams, their coaches, and staff members.

The minutes of the regular meeting of February 11, 1991 and special meeting of February 18, 1991 were reviewed. Motion by Jere Dolph, supported by Sharry Budd, that the minutes be approved as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

Patricia Kulczycki, fifth-grade teacher at Savage Road Elementary School, presented a request to take approximately twenty-three of her fifth-grade students to Chicago, Illinois on May 27, 1991 by way of airplane. There are fourteen parents going also. Motion by Sherry Frazier, supported by Robert LaPointe, that the request be approved and that appropriate written information be submitted to the Superintendent. Motion carried unanimously.

On recommendation of the Business Office, motion by Jere Dolph, supported by David Fowler, that:

Robert Sancrante, Supervisor of Afternoon Custodians, be granted termination of employment effective February 25, 1991;

Karen Cucchiara, food service worker, be granted termination of employment effective March 1, 1991;

Karen Abed, custodian at the High School, be granted termination of employment effective February 27, 1991; and

Ann Ford, custodian at Haggerty Road Elementary School, be granted termination of employment effective February 27, 1991.

Motion carried unanimously.

The financial reports for the month of February were reviewed. Motion by David Fowler, supported by Jere Dolph, that the financial reports be approved as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

The bills for the month of February were reviewed. Motion by Jere Dolph, supported by Sharry Budd, that the bills be paid as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Raymond Kohr presented a list of spring coaches for the 1990-91 school year. Motion by Robert LaPointe, supported by Sherry Frazier, that the spring coaches be approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Jack Hosmer presented the documents for the bidding out of the Morton-Taylor property. Bids are due in by April 30, 1991. They will be tabulated and presented to the Buildings and Grounds Committee for review and brought to the Board for approval in May. Motion by Jere Dolph, supported by Sharry Budd, to approve the bidding out of the Morton-Taylor property as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda item Ratification for the 1990-92 Food Service Agreement was tabled for further review.

The following Board policies were presented for review and adoption at the April meeting: GBC-Recruitment and Selection Procedure/Certified Personnel; JGCC-Student Communicable Disease; GCRAA-Employee Communicable Disease; and JGEAA-Student Abuse.

Jack Hosmer reported that earlier this year, the Board approved co-funding the purchase of musical instruments and was reimbursed \$1,600.

Recently, Haggerty School requested matching funds up to \$1,600 for the purchase of televisions and VCR units. He requested clarification from the Board on how to proceed. Motion by Robert Fowler, supported by Sharry Budd, that a one-time payment of matching funds up to \$1,600 be offered to the remaining seven schools (Elwell, Haggerty, Savage, Tyler, North, South, and High School) upon request from the principal for the purchase of equipment with requests being submitted no later than the end of the first semester of the 1991-92 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

A memo regarding alternative ways to earn the physical education requirement for graduation was presented for review and adoption at the April meeting.

Jack Hosmer presented a resolution for the redemption of the 1985 Energy Conservation Bonds. Motion by Sherry Frazier, supported by David Fowler, that the resolution be adopted as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by David Fowler, supported by Sherry Frazier, that the meeting be recessed and the Board go into executive session for the purpose of discussing negotiations strategy. Motion carried unanimously. Regular meeting recessed at 9:20 p.m.

Motion by Sherry Frazier, supported by David Fowler, that the executive session be adjourned and to return to the regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Sherry Frazier, supported by Jere Dolph, that the salaries of the non-union employees be increased by 6% for the 1990-91 school year and 4% for the 1991-92 school year (keeping in line with other units) and that the Superintendent's contract be extended for one year through June 30, 1993. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Jere Dolph, supported by David Fowler, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:10 p.m.

Jere E. Dolph, Secretary
Sharon Coffee, Recording Secretary

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SCHOOL NEWS

'Friends are forever,' high school senior says

By MICHELE JACOKES
ANP Special Writer

It's almost over. What happened? Boy, time really flew. Is that good or bad?

After 12 hard years of working, our lives will take a nose dive into adulthood. In just about one month, the Class of 1991 will graduate, ready or not.

The other day, I was thinking about how fast these school years have gone by, and how the *BIG* school years will begin in about five months. While trying to remember everything from these years, I seem to only remember certain highlights.

One main highlight was all the time I spent with my friends. How in little ways they molded the person who I am today. Webster defines friend as a person known and liked by another. My definition of a friend is someone who can be trusted, will not turn away no matter the circumstances (permanently!), one who admires you, has a certain respect for you, and, foremost, someone who knows everything about you and still loves you.

I have some people who meet these qualifications in my life and I thought how much it is going to hurt knowing that they are going off to different colleges and that through rites of passage, there is a chance that we might grow apart. I'm sure you have people like this in your life. Maybe this is the time to let them know that you care and will always be there for them, because friends are forever.

But, of course, it is not over 'til it's over. Now is the time to live it up with our friends, but just as importantly, we need to stick to our studies the best we can. This is the time that is most crucial. Just think about it. Do you want to be in high school another whole year just because you were lazy for one month?

Prom night is approaching, and I want to extend my best wishes for a wonderful, safe evening. We have been told over and over about drinking and driving, but especially this night should be regarded more

carefully. Our prom night will be one of the most exciting of our lives, a night we will remember forever. Please, Class of '91, be responsible and alert! All of your lives are precious. Don't do anything to threaten them. And, take a look around at your best friends. Imagine

life without them. Scary? Please don't let your friends drive drunk. Take the responsibility to be the designated driver. Your friends will thank you for it because friends are forever.

Please have a magnificent prom. Try to stick to your stu-

dies and give your friends a call. *Pomp and Circumstance* isn't that far away.

(Editor's note: Michele Jacokes is a Belleville High School senior who shares her views from the student perspective with monthly columns.)

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The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) Region V, hereby give notice that Safety-Kleen Corporation has submitted a closure plan for the hazardous waste underground storage tanks at its facility located at 35201 Crane Road in Romulus, Michigan. The company operates a service center for distribution of mineral spirits and for storage of mineral spirits, and spent dry cleaning waste. The company's closure plan calls for the closure of two underground storage tanks used to store spent mineral spirits and spent mineral spirits sludge. In addition, Safety-Kleen is closing an underground storage tank used to store mineral spirits product. The plan also describes the sampling and analysis procedures that will be used to determine the presence and extent of any contamination. All contaminated soils and materials identified at the site will be decontaminated or removed and disposed in accordance with state and federal regulations.

In order for the MDNR to fulfill its obligation under 1979 P.A. 64, as amended, the Hazardous Waste Management Act, it must ensure that closure of currently regulated hazardous waste management units is performed in a manner that protects public health and the environment. The U.S. EPA, pursuant to the federal Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984, must ensure that any releases of hazardous waste or hazardous waste constituents from current or past solid waste management units are also corrected (cleaned up) to the extent necessary to protect public health and the environment. Solid waste management units may include landfills, surface impoundments (lagoons, ponds, pits), land farms, waste piles, tanks, container storage areas, disposal wells, wastewater treatment units, waste transfer stations, waste recycling operations, and any other activity that is, or was ever, used to manage solid waste (including liquid or contained gaseous waste).

The public is hereby encouraged to provide factual information concerning any known releases (date, type) of hazardous waste or hazardous waste constituents from this facility to the air, surface water, groundwater, or soils.

The company's closure plan may be reviewed at the Department of Natural Resources, Waste Management Division Office located on the first floor of the South Ottawa Building in Lansing, Michigan (contact Mr. Steve Blayer at 517-373-7739); at the Waste Management Division District Office located at 38980 Seven Mile Road in Livonia, Michigan (contact Mr. Kurt Childs at 313-953-0241); and at the Romulus Public Library located at 11121 South Wayne Road in Romulus, Michigan (contact Ms. Diane Hazen at 313-942-7590).

The MDNR and the U.S. EPA must determine whether or not to approve the closure plan by June 26, 1991. Therefore, comments concerning the plan or prior or continuing releases must be received by the MDNR no later than June 12, 1991 to receive consideration.

**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
WASTE MANAGEMENT DIVISION
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Questions or comments regarding the facility should be addressed to Mr. Steve Blayer, the permit engineer responsible for the review of the closure plan, at 517-373-7739 or at the above address.

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County parks set schedule of events

Summer is looking better and better as the Wayne County Parks Department prepares for a long list of fun events.

For more information about any of the events, phone 261-1990.

• Saturday in the Park is a weekly event on the Middle Rouge Parkway. Beginning May 4, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., six miles of Hines Drive will be closed to traffic so families can enjoy jogging, cycling or walking from the Warrendale Picnic area to the Nankin Mills Station. Parking is available at Warrendale, Merriman Hollow and Nankin Mills.

• Nursery School Olympics will be staged at 11 a.m. May 10 at Nankin Mills, and at 10:30 a.m. May 17 at Elizabeth Park. Three- and 4-year-olds are welcome to participate in miniature, mini-golf; paper plate disc throw; marshmallow shot put and the big wheel grand prix. All children will receive ribbons for participation.

• Rouge Rescue '91 is a popular event which results in a cleaner Rouge River. Volunteers will join in June 1 to clear debris from the river which runs throughout western Wayne County. Phone 42-

ROUGE for cleanup sites.

• Air Michigan '91 was formerly known as the Willow Run Air Show. This year the event is being organized by the county parks, with a portion of proceeds going to charity. The event is June 8 and 9 at Willow Run Airport. Featured performers include the U.S. Navy Blue Angels.

• Every child's fantasy will come true at 11 a.m. June 18 at the Nankin Mills station as Mud Day is celebrated. Two hundred tons of top soil and 20,000 gallons of water will create every mother's nightmare. Mr. and Mrs. Mud will be crowned. The event is co-sponsored by Tubs and Tumbler Coin Laundry.

• Detroit Senior Olympics will take place June 18 and 19 on Belle Isle. Many local senior citizens will participate in athletic events.

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Warm and wet summer means garden success

By PATRICIA BROWN
ANP Staff Writer

Horticulture experts are predicting a warmer-than-usual summer, that will include a lot of rain.

"This is Michigan, and the old saying 'if you don't like the weather wait five minutes' is true," said Dean Krauskopf, commercial horticulturist for Wayne County Extension Service.

Krauskopf cautions Michigan residents to not count on the long-term weather predictions.

"What we're looking at right now, is we are two weeks ahead of normal, as far as total heat is concerned," Krauskopf said.

Gardeners should remember that in Michigan the last frost-free day is usually in May, according to Krauskopf. Some of the heartier flowers and vegetables can be planted now, but the plants should be protected.

"Some plants like radishes can take frost, and can germinate at lower temperatures," he said. "But I would wait a week or so, and make sure the plants are covered."

Other vegetables that can be planted now include: cauliflower, cabbage and lettuce. Some of the heartier flowers like geraniums, petunias and snap dragons can be planted this early in the season.

"As long as the soil is ready to be worked - as long as it isn't too wet," Krauskopf said.

"If you are trying to grow the biggest tomato in the neighborhood, then maybe you might want to start growing tomatoes now. But if you do, make sure that the tomato plants are covered," Krauskopf said.

The middle of April is usually a good time to plant shrubs, re-seed a lawn, or re-seed parts of a lawn.

"Grass seed germinates at a lower temperature and in damp soil," he said.

Last year was a wetter-than-normal year, Krauskopf said.

"It was a good year as far as



John Bennett of Canton Township gets a head start on his yard work as he transplants a shrub at his home. ANP photo by Deanne DeYonker

moisture was concerned," he said.

Some insects and pests that are being monitored by the extension service include the Eastern Tint Caterpillar and the Gypsy Moth.

"The Gypsy Moths are a major problem. They defoliate plants and trees," he said.

Krauskopf doesn't recommend using preventive insect sprays, or any other insect sprays until all other options have failed.

"It is important to identify the problem, before using a spray," he said. "Read the label carefully, and make sure that the material is labeled for

the problem and the plant you have. Very carefully follow the instructions," Krauskopf said.

For more information about planting and protecting your garden from pests contact the extension service hotline at 494-3011.

For those residents who plant flowers, Krauskopf recommends attending two flower day events. On May 19, at the Eastern Market flowers will be sold starting at 4 a.m. and ending at about 5 p.m. On June 2, there will also be a flower day activity in downtown Saline.

"It's a fun thing to do, it's like a big party in the streets," Krauskopf said.

Mother of year to be named by paper

The Associated Newspapers is looking for the best Mom in western Wayne County.

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OBITUARIES

Michales, Cora Lee

Cora Lee Michales, 66, of Wayne died April 11, 1991. She was preceded in death by her husband, Fred; and sons, Leroy and Jimmy. She is survived by her children, Fred C. Jr., Frances Hill and Marsha Meggison; sisters, Elsie Lunsford and Kate Green; and brothers, Steve Rathbone and David Rathbone. Funeral services were Monday at the Uht Funeral Home with the Rev. David Riggs officiating. Burial was at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West.

Beckton, Joseph

Joseph A. Beckton, 64, of Augus died March 30, 1991. He is survived by his wife, Arlene; children, Faith Sadley, Scott Beckton, Beth McDermott and Jenny Beckton; brother, Leland Beckton; and 11 grandchildren. Funeral services were at Uht Funeral Home with the Rev. Robert D. Thies officiating. Burial was at Michigan Memorial Park.

Chomos, Andrew

Andrew Chomos, 50, of Westland died April 7, 1991. He is survived by his wife, Carol; children, Kimberly Smith, Robin Hobbs, William, Mark and Jerry; sisters, Mary Pozsqai, Betty Dumont and Patricia; brothers, John and Donald; father, John; and four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his mother, Theresa, and son, Martin. Funeral services were at Uht Funeral Home with the Rev. Roger Stombaugh of the United Baptist Church officiating. Burial was at Knollwood Memorial Cemetery.

Mitchell, Edward

Edward Kevin Mitchell, 58, of Westland died April 7, 1991. He is survived by his wife, Janice; children, Anthony, Kenneth and Timothy John; sister, Anna Yurchak; and brother, James Mitchell. Funeral services were at Uht Funeral Home and Sts. Simon and Jude Catholic Church with the Rev. Gerard Bechard officiating. Burial was at Mt. Hope Memorial Cemetery in Livonia.

Crandall, Michael

Michael Crandall, 30, of Canton Township died April 17, 1991. He is survived by his wife, Amy; children, Megan and Michael; parents, Leo and Patricia; brothers, Leo, Jeffery and Susan. Funeral arrangements were made by Uht Funeral Home.

Smyrnoff, Olga

Olga H. Smyrnoff of Livonia died April 1, 1991. She is survived by her husband, Vadim; children, Olga Fitzpatrick and Galina Burgh; seven grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Funeral services were at Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church. Arrangements were made by Uht Funeral Home. Family members request that memorial contributions be made to the church.

Huber, Albert

Albert M. Huber, 67, of Wayne died April 3, 1991. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy; children, Judy, Deborah, Dean and Linda; step-children, Susan, David, Shirley, John, Patricia and Raymond; sister, Marie; 23 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Funeral services were at Uht Funeral Home with the Rev. Jeff Bemederder officiating. Burial was at Parkview Memorial Cemetery.

ETHEL M. DUNFORD, 76, of Belleville died April 3, 1991. Funeral arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home.

Kortas, Edward Jr.

Edward Walter Kortas Jr., 64, of Westland died April 2, 1991 at Oakwood Hospital. Funeral services were at the Vermeulen Memorial Trust 100 Funeral Home with the Rev. Neil Cowling of Kirk of Our Savior Church officiating. Burial was at Romulus Township Cemetery. Family members request that memorial contributions be made to the Michigan Cancer Foundation.

Jones, Priscilla

Priscilla Ann Jones, 48, of Westland died April 10, 1991. She is survived by her husband, David; children, Niki, David, Jeffery, Christopher Scott, Ronald Patrick and Timothy Shawn; mother, Jewell Youngblood; brother, Ronald Jack Youngblood; and one grandchild. She was preceded in death by her father, Jack Youngblood. Funeral services were at Uht Funeral Home with Dr. Weldon Spracklen officiating. Burial was at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West.

Cox, Laura

Laura C. Cox, 94, of Wayne died April 10, 1991 at her home. She is survived by her daughter, Geneva Benso of Wayne; her grandson, Eston Wayne Honeycutt of Wayne; four great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. Funeral services were at Lents Funeral Home with the Rev. Larry Rowland officiating. Burial was at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West.

Shultz, Edward

Edward H. Shultz, 63, of Westland died April 10, 1991 at his home. He is survived by his wife, Delores; daughter, Diane (Paul) Covington; sister, Carmon McKenzie; and three grandchildren. Funeral services were at Lents Funeral Home with the Rev. Paul Paneratos officiating.

Tripp, William

William Tripp Sr., 49, of Westland died April 4, 1991. He is survived by his girlfriend, Lucille Ross; sons, William Jr. and Eric; four sisters; a brother; and four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Melissa. Mr. Tripp was employed at Unistrut. Funeral services were April 9 at Lents Funeral Home. Burial was at Glenwood Cemetery.

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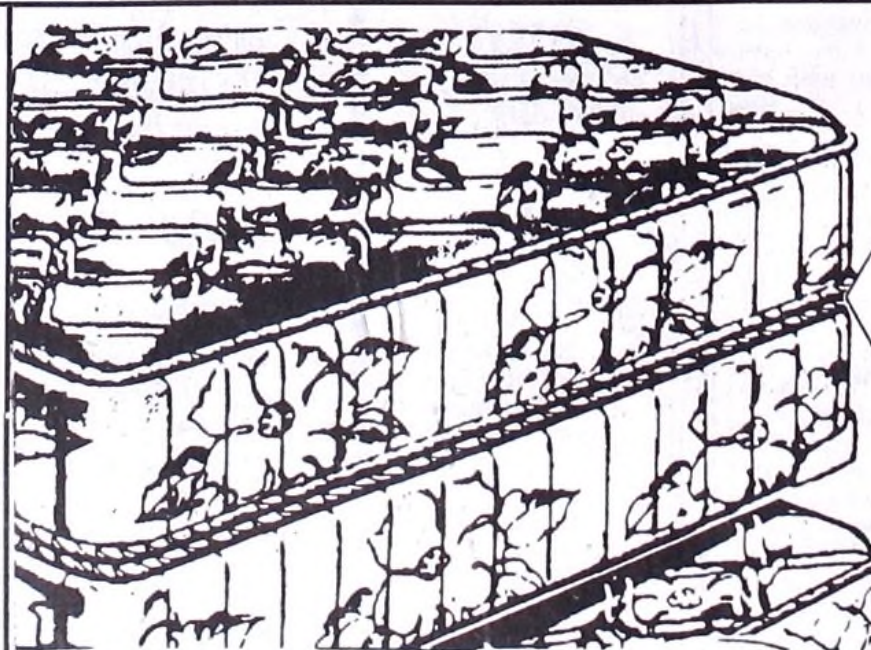
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PEOPLE

ANNIVERSARIES

Danculovich

Joseph and Eileen Danculovich of Belleville will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary April 18.

They are the parents of Robert and Alan, and they have two grandchildren. Their son Gregory is deceased.

Their family will host a celebration at 5 p.m. April 20 at the Bretton Village Clubhouse in Trenton.

Eileen is a registered nurse and housewife, and enjoys bowling, sewing and gardening. Joseph is a veteran of WWII and is retired from General Motors. He enjoys reading and gardening. The



Joseph and Eileen Danculovich couple attends St. Anthony Church.

Gruchala

Ed and Betty Gruchala of Canton Township celebrated 50 years of marriage Feb. 8.

They enjoyed a special Mass at St. John Neumann Church and renewed their wedding vows.

A party was hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Carl O'Dell, and friends from Canada attended a second party in honor of the couple.

The Gruchalas recently retired from Ford Motor Co. They have two sons, Frederick and Thomas, and three grandchildren, Dennis, Tina and Cheryl.

The couple lived in Redford Township 35 years, and moved to Canton 13 years ago.



Ed and Betty Gruchala Township 35 years, and moved to Canton 13 years ago.

Phillips

Robert and Irene (Dely) Phillips of Wayne celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary April 2, 1991.

They were married in 1951 in Plymouth.

They are the parents of Matthew and Douglas, and have two grandchildren.

The Phillips are lifetime residents of the community.

An anniversary celebration was staged at the Mayflower Hotel on April 6. Thirty guests, with some from as far away as Tennessee, were in attendance.

The couple also planned a trip to Florida as part of the celebration.

Both are retired and both belong to the Plymouth Elks. They enjoy traveling.

SOON TO WED

Stain - Perault

Paul and Sharon Stain of Wayne are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Patricia Joanne, to Robert Steven Perault of Plymouth.

The bride-elect is a 1987 graduate of Belleville High School and is employed at Manufacturer's Bank in Livonia.

Her fiance, the son of John and Marguerite Bonello of Plymouth, attended Belleville High School and is employed by Jim Seghi Renovations.

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Grace - Exel

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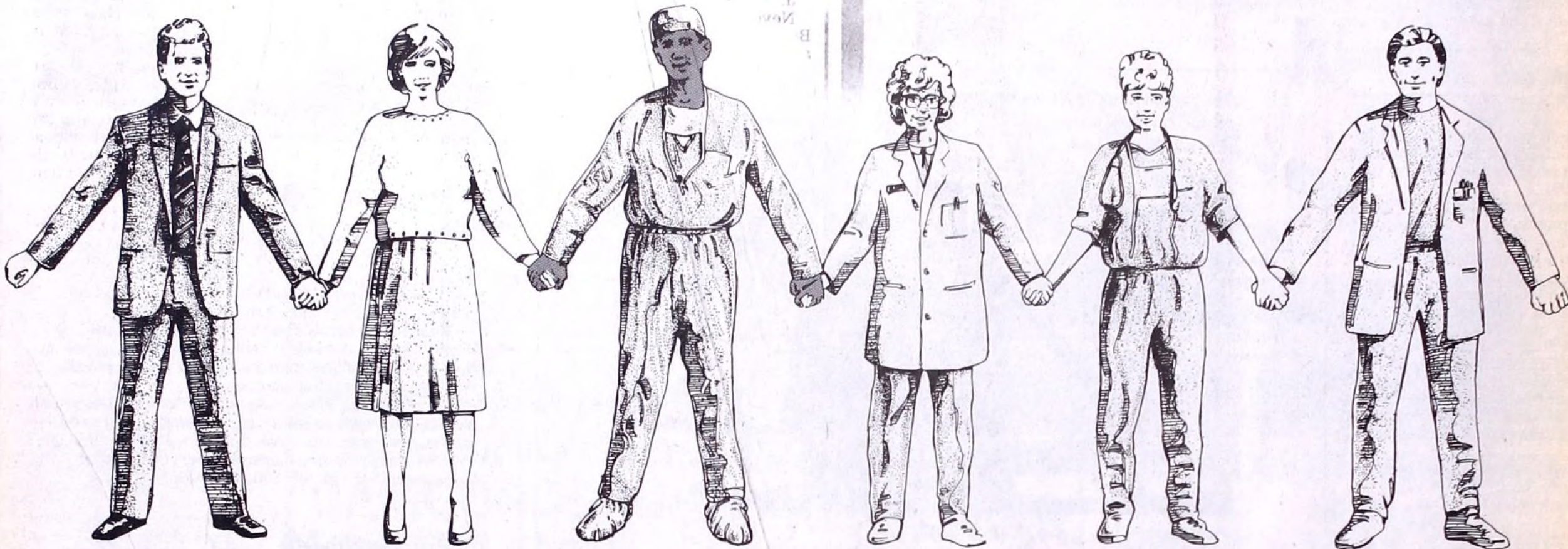
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Family skates together

By TOM MOORADIAN
ANP Staff Writer

Each with their sights on separate goals, the five members of the Patterson family love to skate.

The Pattersons of Wayne—Kasi, James, Doug, Gary and Cheryl—all put on their first pair of ice skates at the Wayne Recreation Center.

And their love for the sport has never diminished.

Kasi, 16, who is a student at Wayne Memorial, has earned national recognition and is seeking international recognition, if you can find a suitable skating partner.

Kasi's goal this month is to travel to Colorado Springs this year to audition and come up with a compatible partner. If you finds her match, Kasi will harness her skills and energy to see if she and her partner can't make the U.S. Olympics team.

"She's a determined young lady," says Kasi's mother, Chris. "Ever since she started to skate, you could read that determination on her face. Her performances reflected a will to excel."

Kasi started her skating career at Wayne, thanks to the coaching efforts of Darcy Rychlinski. She currently competes in the senior ladies solo dance, the novice freestyle and junior ladies figures. She is also getting ready to take her seventh figure this spring.

Kasi has captured scores of trophies for her skills on the ice, and she is presently coached by one of the more prominent coaches in the sport—Ann Seror.

James, an eighth-grader at Franklin Junior High, has carved out quite a name for himself in hockey. He started his hockey career in Wayne in the mini-mite league at 4 years old. He left Wayne to play AAA hockey at age 7.

As a member of the Little Caesar's Pee Wee Major's team, his club has played in



Two members of the Patterson family—Kasi (above) and James (at right)—are skating their way to national recognition. Kasi has a score of triumphs in her repertoire and is seeking a partner in order to compete for the United States Olympic team, while her brother is a member of the Little Caesar's Pee Wee team that has won a national hockey championship. ANP special photos



the Michigan National Hockey League and has won the National Pee Wee Major Championships—Tier I.

Playing competitively since he was 9 years old, Patterson has proven to be a tough defenseman. One of the highlights of his young career was his team's triple overtime victory over the Chicago Young Americans, a game the local skaters pulled out 4-3.

Coach Tom Yockey sees a great future ahead for him.

Cheryl started the Pattersons on their ice career. She got her start at the Wayne Arena, thanks to Coach Valerie Chase. Cheryl was one of the first to skate in the arena, when the doors to the

rink opened.

The 25-year-old Gary played hockey in the Wayne Hockey League and his young brother, Doug, 23, followed.

It cost the Pattersons a small fortune to train their children, however, Mrs. Patterson says "it was worth it."

"It used to be that the ice fees for an hour were \$5," she recalled. "It's really expensive to skate nowadays. But I have never regretted getting our kids involved in skating."

"It kept them off the streets and provided them with mental and physical skills that have helped them through life."

Come from behind Belleville Tigers notch 1st win

By THEODORE G. COUTLISH
ANP News Editor

Yogi Bera never attended a Belleville-Dearborn Fordson baseball game, but his words did.

Never was the now-famous Bera-invented expression—"It ain't over until it's over"—more appropriate than during the Belleville Tigers' 6-3 win over Fordson in their Wolverine 'A' Conference opener Tuesday evening.

Case in point: Fordson was leading 3-2 in the top of the seventh inning when Belleville senior pinch hitter Tom Westlake came up to bat. With senior second baseman Sean Zaborowski on third base and sophomore Chuck Coleman on

first base with two out, Westlake hit a pop up near first base.

A routine play, the Fordson first baseman struggled and dropped the ball for an error, allowing Belleville to tie the game and force extra innings.

In the eighth inning, a one-out, two-run double by Zaborowski and a RBI single by junior center fielder Matt Barrett put the game away for good.

Keep in mind both Belleville and Fordson were winless on the season coming into the game. Following the game, Belleville moved to 1-5 on the season and 1-1 in the conference.

"It was the battle of the winless," Belleville Coach John

Bertz said. "Somebody had to win it. When Westlake hit that pop up, I thought to myself, 'Let's go to the bus.'"

Pitcher Tom Harmon started for Belleville and pitched six strong innings, giving up all three runs. Sean O'Neal earned the win with two shut-out innings for Belleville.

So far, the biggest surprise to Bertz has been the play of Barrett. Barrett leads the team in average, extra-base hits and RBIs, and has moved from batting in the No. 8 spot to the clean-up spot in the starting lineup.

"I didn't expect him to play this well," Bertz said. "He's known more for his defensive prowess. It's been a pleasant surprise."

Romulus splits double

By TERRY LYNCH
ANP Special Writer

The Romulus Eagles began league play with mixed results on Tuesday night when they traveled to Ypsilanti for a doubleheader. The two teams split with the opening game going to the Braves 7-0 and the Eagles taking the nightcap 7-6.

The Braves, the defending league champions, rolled in their first game behind the tremendous two-hitter thrown by right-hander Pat Desseliar. Desseliar struck out four along the way and walked only one.

The game was close until the sixth when Chad Grieve launched a two-run homer to make the game 4-0.

One reason the game was close for so long was the strong effort by Romulus pitcher Rich Evans. Despite the loss, Evans went the distance and walked only one batter. He allowed seven runs, six of them earned but also struck out three Braves.

Eagles Coach Don Foley said of Evans, "Rich pitched a strong game, but he just didn't have much luck."

He didn't have much support

either as the Eagles mustered only two hits.

Tim Dufore and Ben Good each had a hit.

Game Two was, in the words of Foley, "Wild and Woolly."

The Braves had the lead 5-4 going into the last inning. Chad Grieve, the Ypsilanti hitting hero in game one, was pitching. When he loaded the bases in the top of the seventh with just one out, he was yanked in favor of Elswick.

The Ypsilanti coach probably wished he had left Grieve in to work, as Elswick proceeded to throw three wild pitches. He threw two with Tim Harden at the plate, and then John Jasso watched one go by.

All three resulted in Eagle runs.

With the score 7-6, the Braves refused to surrender and proceeded to load the bases themselves.

In fact, the situation was identical. The bases were loaded with just one out. The Braves attempted a squeeze bunt to force in the tying run.

But the batter popped it up, and Eagles third-string catcher Dan Wood played the hero. He made a diving catch in foul territory.

"I commend Dan on an excellent defensive game for us. Our second catcher was sick and Dan stepped up and did a tremendous job," Foley said.

But the game wasn't over until Eagle pitcher Ed Tank struck out the pitching hero of game one, Desseliar, on a 3-2 pitch.

Tank, a senior right-hander, went the whole game for Romulus. He gave up six runs on nine hits. He also struck out six. Tank also went 2 for 3 at the plate, scoring twice and driving in one.

Tim Harden had two hits for Romulus. John Jasso, a junior outfielder, had a hit and two RBIs. Don Zemke had a hit and drove in one and Evans had a hit for the Eagles.

"I said that our hitting was going to be suspect and it's proven to be. But in the second game, our guys got up and hit the ball for us. If we can find some consistency, we can be a good team," Foley said.

The Eagles are 1-1 in their league, as are the Braves. Romulus is 2-2 overall.

The Eagles were set to face Garden City at home on Wednesday.

'The nationals' Typhoons are 2nd best in the state

By TOM MOORADIAN
ANP Staff Writer

The Typhoons came within one victory of winning a national soccer championship.

The Van Buren Township club lost to Kansas City 4-1 in the finals of the "Soccer America's National Indoor Tournament," and settled for the silver trophy at the invitational hosted by Oklahoma City, Okla.

"Fatigue caught up with us in the finals," Typhoons Coach Dale Travis said. "Injuries also took a toll on our team. However, finishing second at the nationals is no disgrace. Our kids played a courageous tournament. We are very proud of them."

The Van Buren Township Board Tuesday night honored "their national champs" with a resolution, commending the players' efforts at the nationals.

The tournament drew about 20 teams, in the 12 and younger division, to the Oklahoma competition. The preliminary round was set up as a three-game world cup format, according to Travis.

The Typhoons launched their bid for national recognition by beating the host team and tournament favorite, "Der Bullen," 4-3. They then ran up against an equally stubborn team out of Col-

umbus, Ohio, the Cosmos, and repeated the score (4-3).

In their third tournament encounter, the Typhoons met and mauled Maryland 9-1 to advance to the quarterfinal round of competition.

"Because of a unique point system set up for this particular tournament," Travis explained, "we were forced to play Der Bullen a second time."

In a hard-fought battle, the Typhoons surfaced as the winners again 3-2, but the winning goal came in the closing seconds of the game.

The victory qualified the Typhoons for the semifinals where they squared off with "The Power," a team out of Ohio.

Van Buren won a decisive 4-1 decision, lifting them into the championship game and one victory away from the national title.

But a team from Kansas City with the unlikely name of "Udiness Legend" shattered the Typhoons' national title dream 4-1.

The Typhoons, sponsored by Little Caesar's of Belleville, were awarded second-place medals.

"We'd like to congratulate all of our team members and our sponsor," said Rick Viers, who serves as coach, along with Travis. "Our never-give-up attitude is a true trademark of a championship team."

Wayne runners coast to victory

By TOM MOORADIAN
ANP Staff Writer

With a "new coach" at helm, Wayne Memorial runners coasted past Trenton 84-52 in the Wolverine 'A' Conference opener for both teams.

Floyd Carter, who serves as the women's track coach, has also been given the responsibility of putting together the men's lineup. The former varsity head football coach has been coaching for more than two decades, however, this is the first time he has coached the boys' team.

"It's rough," said Carter, who will take his runners up against Wyandotte today. "We don't have the depth or the blue-chip athletes we had in the past, but this team will do just fine as the kids pick up experience."

Wayne competes with a cloud of Pay-to-Play over its head. Lack of funds have forced school officials to request each athlete to pay to participate this season.

"It has hurt us, especially the girls' team," Carter said. "Some of our athletes didn't show up."

Girls falter in track opener

By TOM MOORADIAN
ANP Staff Writer

The Wayne Memorial Zebras' women runners wasted a superb all-around performance from Erika Beetz, an exchange student from Germany, and fell in their Wolverine 'A' Conference track and field debut to Trenton 69-59.

The Zebras will have an opportunity to redeem themselves today at Wyandotte.

Beetz looked good in the 300-meter low hurdles as she worked her way to a 50.3 victory. Then, in the high jump, the representative from Germany cleared 4 feet, 10 inches for her second victory.

Beetz also anchored the winning 1,600-meter

Wayne finished second both in the men's and women's divisions last year. Carter said: "It will be tough to repeat, but we will try."

James Grady got off to an excellent start for Wayne as he captured both the high (15.5) and low (41.9) hurdles for the Zebras.

Wayne took two of the field events: Joe Ramsey had the best put at 42 feet and 3 inches, and Allen Buford leaped 20 feet and 4 inches in the long jump.

Shawn Ma'waza covered the 100 meters in 11.2 seconds, putting the event in the Wayne win column.

Carter chose Alan Buford, Glenn Dare, Steve Caldwell and Ma'waza for the 800-meter relay and the foursome responded in the winning time of 1:35.0. The Zebras 400-meter relay team made up of Caldwell, Brian Higgins, Daniels and Dare also chipped in a first place.

Buford turned in a 52.3 for his win in the 400 meters and Matt Johnson crossed the line first in the 800-yard run (2:16). Daniels led the 200-meter field to the finish line. He was clocked at 24.2.

Wayne also had the best 1,600-meter relay team with Buford, Dare, Joe Dumont and Johnson, who were clocked at 3:46.0.

Wayne relay as she teamed with Tranesah Burroughs, Akua Hammons and Rebecca Delecomyn for a 4:56.0 finish.

Wayne picked up a pair of victories in the field events thanks to Kim Morrow. The sophomore tossed the discus 83 feet, 5 inches and won the shot put with a 32 feet, 3 inch effort.

In the 100-meter dash, Quinday Cooper hit the tape first. She was clocked in 13.3. Also, Hammons toured the 400 meters in the winning time of 66.0, and Hammons led the 200-meter field with a 27.4.

The Zebras will be cautious the next time they run the 400- and 800-meter relays. Their teams were disqualified for being out of the zone against the Trojans.



Inkster buries Highland

By TOM MOORADIAN
ANP Staff Writer

Right-hander Craig Lewis made his first career start on the mound an auspicious one Tuesday.

The Inkster junior twirled a one-hitter, struck out five and walked four en route to a 14-2 opening-day victory over Highland Park. It was also the Suburban Athletic Conference opener for both teams.

"The kids looked good," said Inkster Coach Jerome Orr, who launched his third year as head coach. "But we're a young team, and we're going to

make some mistakes. "I really feel that we are just two players away from being a winning team."

It didn't look that way against Highland Park. Pitcher Van Thorne had trouble getting a Viking out in the first inning and, although he survived a 10-run Inkster explosion, Thorne was yanked in the third inning.

Anthony Walker and Bernard Reeves led the assault against three Highland Park pitchers. Walker singled, doubled and collected four RBIs.

Reeves came through with a single and a double. He also

had two RBIs.

A 7-10 team a year ago, the Vikings hope to improve upon that record, Orr said.

They'll travel to Willow Run today for a double-header that could tell them a lot about their status as a title contender in the SAC. The Flyers are always in the thick of the dogfight. If the Vikings can come away with a sweep, they'll head into the weekend with a 3-0 record, which could shake up the rest of the conference.

On Friday, Inkster hosts Ypsilanti Lincoln. It's a non-conference affair.

Public hearing

Youth standards are on the line

How safe is sandlot baseball? How can baseball safety standards be raised so young players are not seriously or fatally injured?

These are questions the Michigan Senate Health Policy Committee will address at 3 p.m. Tuesday in Room 402 of the Capitol Building in Lansing.

State Sen. William Faust (D-Westland) announced Friday he has asked for a public hearing on Senate Resolution 54 and Senate Concurrent Resolution 71, which urge the adoption of better youth standards for local communities.

Faust's actions come in the wake of a fatal injury for a young ballplayer.

Dawn and James Hunt, residents of Faust's senatorial district, approached the senator about the need for greater pub-

lic awareness of better safety standards after their 10-year-old nephew, Ryan Wojick, of Florida died after a pitched ball hit him in the chest.

"A 1986 Consumer Product Safety Commission Report shows at least 23 other children have died like Ryan since 1973, an average of five deaths per year," Faust said. "The deaths and countless injuries suffered by other young athletes signal the need for better safety policies in youth baseball."

In Westland alone, the Westland Youth Athletic Association suits up thousands of young baseball and softball players. Little League, youth baseball and softball teams in school and recreation departments give young boys and girls an opportunity to enjoy themselves with the national pastime.

"The most unfortunate element of the alarming number of deaths that occur in baseball is the fact that there are pieces of equipment available to safeguard youngsters from these injuries and deaths," Faust said.

The Faust resolutions urge organizations sponsoring youth baseball to develop guidelines to encourage greater safety measures by the use of products that currently exist. Adoption of these policies can immediately reduce the risk of death and serious injury, he said.

Chairing the committee will be Sen. John Pridnia. Other members include senators John Schwarz, Matt Dunaskiss, John Kelly and Don Koivisto.

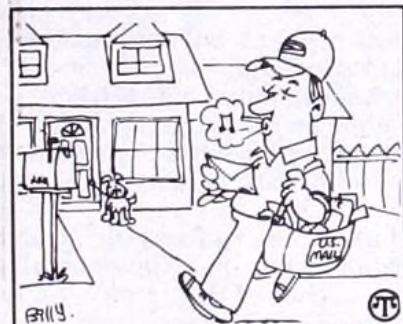
Gymnasts fare well in tourney

Local gymnasts, competing in regional competition, qualified for the United States Gymnastics Federation Meet.

The qualifiers include Stephanie Skeppstrom, a freshman at Plymouth Salem; Melissa Lyon, a senior at Divine Child; and Stacey Shatteroe, a sophomore at Garden City. All three gymnasts are members of the Westland-based Michigan Academy of Gymnastics.

Michigan Academy also qualified two gymnasts to the USGF Level 10 regional meet. The pre-elite meet was staged Friday and Saturday in Bay City and will include gymnasts from Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Kentucky.

Devon Cunningham, 12, and his sister, Denielle, 14, will represent the local academy at the competitions.



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The report, released Wednesday, was the first since April, when the index fell 0.8 percent.

Over the National Association of Manufacturers' index Thursday, the economy's growth continued to lead analysts for the fourth straight month at a rate of decline since December.

Purchasing Managers' Index fell 0.1 percent in December, down from 46.1 in November.

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Local man's dream of cars comes true

By MARGO DEWEY
ANP Staff Writer

A Wayne Memorial High School graduate believes nothing is impossible if a person works hard enough.

Ray F. Kull, 32, owns the K & S Auto Service on South Wayne Road. Since he was 13 years old, Kull has dreamed about being his own boss and working on cars — his favorite hobby.

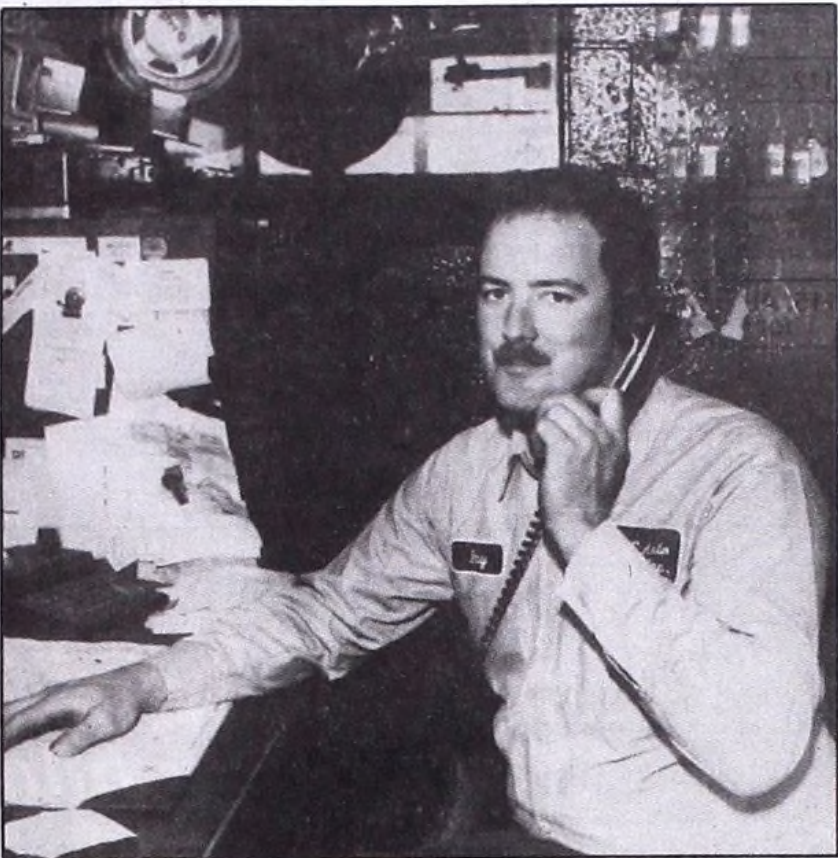
"My dad used to fix cars, and he let me do whatever I wanted to help out," Kull said. "I've owned a car since I was 13."

When Kull was in his teens, he enjoyed fixing his friends' cars as well as assisting his father. When he was 14 years old, he worked at the Wayne Motor Supply store to learn more about auto parts.

"I worked at the auto supply store from 14 years old to 19 years old," Kull said. "I also worked for a tool and die shop and the Ford Rouge plant. After the Ford plant, I ended up here which used to be Long's Service."

From Long's Service, Kull decided to go back to Wayne Motor in order to pick up some more information on the auto business. In September 1984, Kull opened his first K & S Auto Service on Wayne and Glenwood roads.

"I sold all my cars that I owned, I had several, and the toys and put my money into the business," Kull said. "This is the second location for this store. I decided to open the business because the opportunity was there with the shop I grew up in (Long's Service). It's great to be home here



where I use to work and live within a few blocks."

The motto at K & S is "handle everything from oil to an engine overhaul." Kull said he maintains a very good clientele which consists of local residents as well as his friends from high school.

"I don't think I could be happy working for someone else," Kull said. "I'm thinking of expanding, but I'm going to wait and see how things go for a little while longer."

Kull's brother Jim, 26, also works at K & S. Kull is married to Debra who is a Wayne

Memorial graduate. They have two children: Lauren, 18 months old and Steven, 6 weeks old.

Kull's pride and joy is a 1964 Chevrolet Chevelle, a white station wagon which he races every now and then.

Kull has good advice for those future high school graduates thinking of owning their own business.

"Be open to suggestions," Kull said. "Don't be stuck on one thing. Try several different avenues."

K & S Auto Service is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.



Ray Kull checks a customer's car. ANP photos by Deanne DeYonker



The rush

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Wayne, Romulus seniors have pick of activities

Romulus resident Floyd Collins, 70, enjoys lending a helping hand to his fellow senior residents.

Collins has been a Romulus resident for more than 29 years. He was a factory worker before he retired about 10 years ago.

Now a big part of his day is spent at the Romulus Parks and Recreation Department where he helps pack lunches for fellow seniors.

"I like helping people, depending on what it is though," Collins said. "I think these senior services offered are very helpful, however, I would like to see more activities, especially for the men."

Some of the Romulus senior recreation activities offered include taking trips and playing bingo. Collins wants more activities geared for the men such as pool games.

Besides the recreational aspect, the parks department also provides a variety of services to seniors, according to Gayle Mach,

secretary for the department.

"We have the Meals on Wheels program where people can call ahead one day in advance," Mach said. "We also provide free legal services, but we don't handle the criminal cases."

Romulus seniors are also provided with the Telecare Service where the residents receive a friendly phone call to make sure everything is going well.

"The Help Center also provides a number of programs to seniors," Mach said. "One of the programs is the Handyman where the seniors can get a helping hand with odd jobs around the house. The City of Romulus offers income tax services to the seniors."

Anyone interested in finding out more about the Romulus senior services can call the Romulus Parks and Recreation Department at 942-6852.

In Wayne, senior residents are provided with similar activities and services as Romulus,

according to Nancy Wojewski-Noel, home chore supervisor and program coordinator.

"We have the Handyman Referral Program where we help seniors with odd jobs around the house," Wojewski-Noel said. "We also have the Home Chore Program where senior adults over 60 can find help with basic home chores such as leaf raking and snow shoveling."

Other senior services offered through the Wayne Senior Services Office include:

- **Transportation** - The Smart Connector-Nankin Transit is available by calling 729-2710 at least one day ahead of the needed ride.

- **Meals on Wheels** - Providing hot meals to seniors. For more information call 453-2525.

- **Free Blood Pressure Screening Program** - Available every third Thursday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Wayne Community Center, 721-

7400, every third Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Annapolis Hospital lobby, 467-4000 or each first Tuesday at the Towers, 721-0660.

- **Telecare Service** - Available to Wayne residents. A friendly call will be made each day at the pre-determined time to make sure things are going well. To receive the service call 721-7400 or 721-7460.

- **Legal Aid Program** - Free to Wayne residents 60 years and older. Call 964-5310 for further information.

"We also offer a number of activities including painting, bingo, exercise classes and crafts," Wojewski-Noel said. "We are going to implement a new program in the next few weeks called MEPP, Michigan Emergency Pharmaceutical Program."

For more information, call 721-7460.

—By Margo Dewey
ANP Staff Writer

Activities abound for Westland senior citizens

Programs offered at the Westland Friendship Center, directed under Sylvia Kozorosky-Wiacek, include: homebound meals, seniors visiting other seniors who live in nursing homes, dances, prescription assistance, Travel Group and Trav-E-Logue (both groups meet every Friday unless a trip is planned), advice from the Commission on Aging (the commission deals with issues that affect senior citizens), haircuts for men (\$5) and for women (\$6), a nutrition program that meets every day at 11:30 a.m., counseling by appointment, home chores and outdoor work for seniors who can't do yard work, window washing, light

maintenance, free Medicare advice every Monday between 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., blood pressure, heart and lungs checked at 9:30 a.m. every Friday, an ear, nose and throat examination with Dr. Stanley Szczecienski, daily exercise and walking program for retirees older than 50 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, foot care from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. every Tuesday by appointment only, woodcarving, home decorating, ceramics, exercise class, porcelain doll and quilting classes are offered, free legal consultation with Eric Colhurst every Thursday, bridge at 7:30 p.m. every Wednesday, euchre at 12:30 p.m. every Monday, bingo

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Canton senior citizens are offered various programs

The Canton Recreation Center, 44237 Michigan Ave. at Sheldon Road, is the home for senior citizen activities and programs in the township. It's open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call Diane Neihengen or Pat Tanski at 397-5444 for more information.

Here is a list of programs offered to Canton senior citizens:

- Holiday parties.
- Trips.
- Tax counseling sessions.

- Health screenings.
- Michigan Emergency Pharmaceutical Program, which helps low-income seniors pay their medication costs.

- Sports, softball and volleyball.
- Five-day meal delivery service.
- Legal aid for senior citizens.
- Leisure classes, including woodcarving, painting, ceramics, crafts, genealogy, machine quilting and crafts.

—By Randy Frank
ANP Staff Writer



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Mary Mumford, Thelma Wolf (top) play euchre Wednesday morning at September Days Senior Center in Belleville. Tillie Young (right) ponders her next euchre move.

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Resident loves to plan trips for senior citizens

When it comes to finding interesting day trips and exciting vacation spots, Lee Walls knows them all.

Walls, a volunteer at the September Days Senior Center in Van Buren Township, has been the trip coordinator and morning receptionist at the center for four years.

When Walls took a medical retirement in 1984, she decided to put her energy and time into productive use at the senior center. The longtime Belleville resident, who once served as president of the Senior Babe Ruth/Connie Mack baseball league, was recently named Volunteer of the Month by Director Connie Brinkerhoff.

"Lee loves people. She volunteers her time and energy because she needs to keep busy and enjoys helping others," Brinkerhoff said. "Whenever anyone calls with a need or a problem, you can bet Lee will do everything she can to help him or her find a resolution. Her cheerful attitude and friendly and generous nature make her very loved and appreciated by all who know her."

Walls finds the trip planning part of her duties among her favorite chores.

"We try to keep in mind what the people can afford and what



Peter and Lillian Kress are familiar figures at senior citizen activities in Van Buren Township. Peter helps to compile the monthly newsletters, calls bingo numbers and drives the senior van. Lillian helps to serve the senior lunches and also makes bouquets for birthday honorees. ANP photo by Joan Dyer-Zinner

they would like to do. For example, they love the races, so we go to the Detroit Race Course twice a year. We also go to Boblo and to the Friday night fish fries in Hamburg and Ypsilanti," Walls said. "We know the seniors have limited resources, so we focus on trips with a reasonable cost. If we

plan a big trip, we tell them a year in advance, so they can save up for it."

Local trips are coordinated by Walls and the senior center staff, while long trips are booked through a travel group.

"This year, the group plans a trip to the Canadian Rockies, and

we've got some requests for an Alaskan trip for next year," Walls said. "We'll look into booking a trip to Alaska and tell our folks to start saving their money."

In the past, the Belleville area travelers have visited Hawaii and Nova Scotia plus a variety of nearby locations.

"Every year, we try to attend two or three stage shows and see four movies," Walls said. "The people enjoy musicians, and their favorite stage show was *Cats*. We also see the Belleville High School stage plays and the shows put on at the middle schools."

The senior citizens are Tiger fans, and plan to see a baseball game or two every season.

"Everything we do with our senior group could also be done by individuals and families. If they notice where we're going, they'll have a good idea of some interesting and inexpensive trips that they can schedule themselves," Walls said.

"Being a trip coordinator is fun 99 percent of the time. The only sad part is when someone cancels at the last minute and it is past the refund deadline. I always feel sorry when that happens, but it doesn't happen very often, fortunately."

—By Joan Dyer-Zinner
Belleville City Editor

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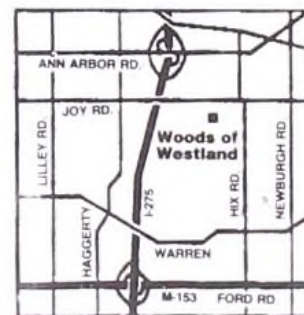
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Seniors stand on bridge over troubled waters

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Margie Frazier knows and understands the problems of senior citizens today. As director of the Inkster Comprehensive Service Program for the Elderly, Frazier and her staff of two full-time and 10 part-time employees are the ones who extend their hands to seniors in hopes of helping them over the troubled waters.

"We're here to help and provide support," said Frazier, whose agency sees between 600 to 800 seniors per month.

"One of the major complaints we hear from seniors these days is the increasing costs of prescription drugs.

"Some help is provided to them through a program based on the annual income of the applicants, but, in general, the price of prescription is out of the reach of many seniors.

Something must be done to help these people."



Margie Frazier

Frazier said the agency she oversees has an annual budget of \$100,000.

The funds are provided by the Department of Social Services and the Senior Alliance.

However, funding has gradually decreased.

The agency was asked to digest a 9-percent across-the-board cutback this year.

"In the past 10 years, there has been a steady increase in the adult and elderly population, thanks to the advancements in medicine and the sciences," Frazier said.

"There are more and more cities and townships competing for the funds that are made available by

the state and the federal governments. And because of this, our share of the pie is decreasing."

Located in the Twin Towers Buildings, 1900-2000 Inkster Road (just north of Michigan Avenue), the Offices of Comprehensive Services has been in operation for about 20 years. Frazier has served as director since 1972.

She said she has seen a steady stream of seniors come and go, "and really you get to know and love many of them.

"We're family here. There really is more of an interest in the

seniors and the older population. But I wish we could find some solutions to their problems.

"Do you know that some of these people have to cut down on their food to pay for their medication - that just isn't right, is it?"

Along with solving some of the medical needs of the elderly, Frazier and her staff would like "one more thing."

"We need a new bus for our seniors. This would help out a lot," she said.

—By Tom Mooradian
ANP Staff Writer

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—By Patricia Brown
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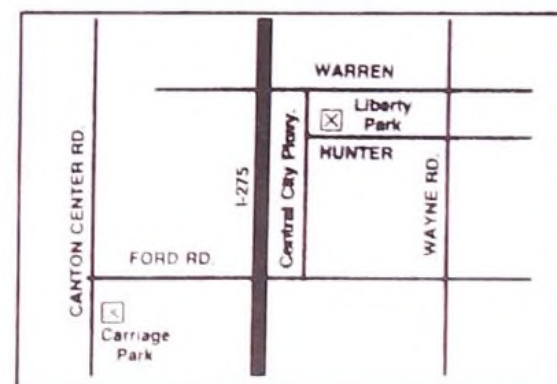
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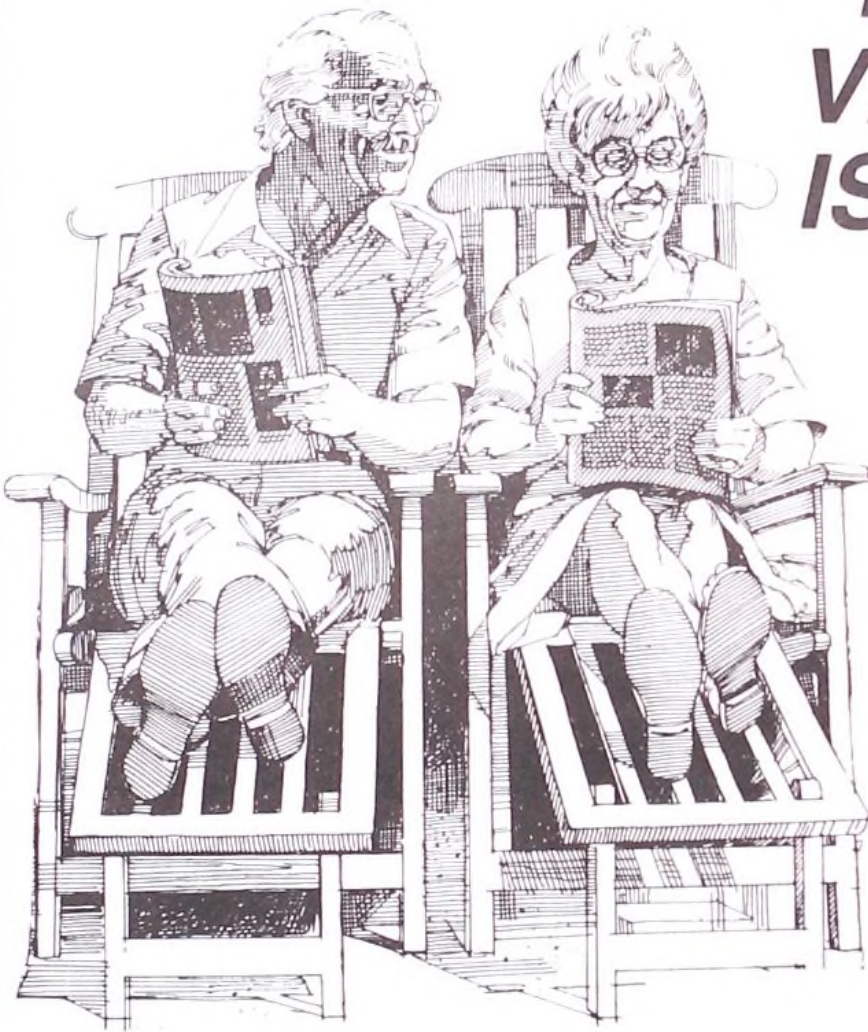
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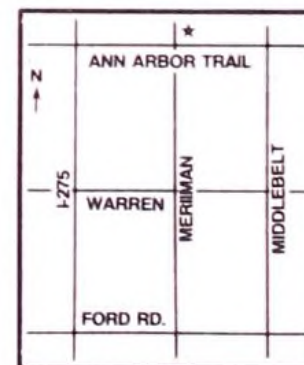
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